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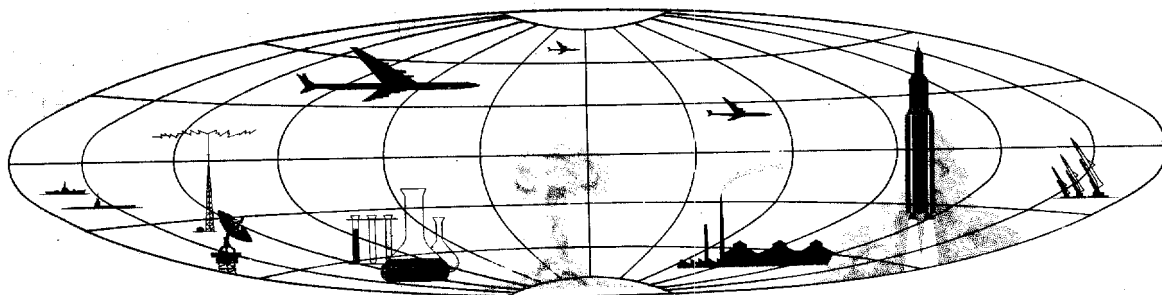


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IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3579, DATED 28 APRIL 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

25X1A

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2 2257N 08236W

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
TWENTY-EIGHT VEHICLES OBSERVED IN SUPPORT AREA.

TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES 2303N 08207W

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

SANTA LUCIA SAM SITE 2241N 08355W

25X1D SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, 4 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS IN HOLD POSITIONS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

LA COLOMA SAM SITE 2218N 08332W

25X1D SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 3 CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITIONS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

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25X1A

MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

SIX REVETTED LAUNCHERS (4 CANVAS-COVERED), 4 MISSILE  
TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED.

25X1D

MATANZAS SAM SITE 2301N 08129W

SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, ONE MISSILE  
TRANSPORTER, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

25X1A

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N 08221W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
TWENTY-EIGHT MISSILE TRANSPORTERS (6 CANVAS-COVERED)  
OBSERVED.

25X1D

25X1A

PINAR DEL RIO SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2221N 08339W

TWENTY-FIVE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS AND 4 OTHER  
UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

CIFUENTES SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2236N 08005W

SIX VEHICLES, AT LEAST 2 SOVIET-TYPE TENTS, 4  
BUILDINGS, APPROXIMATELY 30 POSSIBLE MISSILE  
CANISTERS, AND 4 PROBABLE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS FAINTLY  
VISIBLE THROUGH TREES.

25X1D

25X1A

MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

SIX REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 6 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN  
OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED.

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MAJANA SAM SITE 2241N 08249W

25X1D

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNREVIEWED CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS,  
2 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA, AND  
APPROXIMATELY 14 OTHER VEHICLES.

25X1A

CAMPO FLORIDO CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

25X1D

APPROXIMATELY 10 CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES OBSERVED IN  
CLOUD-FREE AREA.

GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2300N 08250W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
POOR IMAGE QUALITY AND OBLIQUITY PRECLUDE FURTHER  
INTERPRETATION.

-AIRFIELDS-

CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD 2229N 07955W

25X1D

AIRCRAFT -- 4 FAGOT/FRESCO OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE  
AREAS.

CORONEL PASCUAL AIRFIELD 2307N 08117W

25X1D

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

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SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- 30 FISHBED, 3 FARMER, 14 FAGOT/FRESCO,  
3 T-6, 11 B-26, AND 6 UNIDENTIFIED SINGLE-ENGINE  
AIRCRAFT OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CONSTELLATION, 2 C-47, 4 C-46, ONE  
BRITANNIA, 2 CRATE, ONE LODESTAR, ONE COOT, AND 2  
C-54.

25X1D

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE PBY, 2 C-47, 2 CRATE, 6 COLT, AND  
APPROXIMATELY 31 LIAISON/TRAINER.

25X1D

MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.  
APPROXIMATELY 70 VEHICLES AT EAST END OF RUNWAY.

25X1D

PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- 64 HOUND (ONE MINUS ROTOR), ONE CRATE,  
ONE C-47, 4 HARE, AND 2 BELL HELICOPTER.

25X1D

MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

25X1D NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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JAIME GONZALES AIRFIELD 2209N 08025W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREA.

25X1D

-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

VESSELS -- 12 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, 2 PC, AND 2 PF.

25X1D

CIENFUEGOS PORT 2209N 08027W

VESSELS -- 2 FREIGHTERS, ONE PF, 4 POSSIBLE PT, AND  
ONE UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

CARDENAS PORT 2302N 08112W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED IN  
CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

SANTA LUCIA PORT 2240N 08358W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

MATANZAS PORT 2303N 08134W

VESSELS -- 2 LARGE FREIGHTERS WITH HATCHES OPEN AND  
BOOMS ACTIVE (ONE FREIGHTER APPEARS TO BE LOADING  
CARGO ONTO DECK) AND 2 COASTAL FREIGHTERS.

25X1D

25X1A

SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

25X1D NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

25X1D VESSELS -- ONE TANKER, 8 PT, 14 FREIGHTERS, 2 PF, 5  
COASTAL FREIGHTERS, AND 2 TRAWLERS.

LA COLOMA PORT 2214N 08334W

25X1D NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

25X1D VESSELS -- ONE COASTAL FREIGHTER.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

25X1D VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

-ELECTRONICS-

HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2301N 08225W

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
APPROXIMATELY 10 VEHICLES OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREA.



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-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

25X1A

PINAR DEL RIO, MILITARY CAMP 2223N 08342W

25X1D CAMP CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 50 VEHICLES.

LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE 2252N 08233W

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
TWELVE VEHICLES OBSERVED.

ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP 2251N 08248W

25X1D

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE  
EXCEPT THAT THE PERSONNEL WERE NOT OBSERVED.

LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08242W

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
TWENTY-SEVEN VEHICLES OBSERVED.

BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08311W

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NINE VEHICLES OBSERVED.

CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08252W

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
EIGHT VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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25X1A

MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2307N 08211W

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2301N 08226W

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

25X1D SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE

TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

25X1D POOR IMAGE QUALITY AND SCATTERED CLOUDS PRECLUDE  
DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

MADRUGA, POL STORAGE 2256N 08149W

25X1D THIRTY TANK TRUCKS AND 30 OTHER VEHICLES OBSERVED.

LIMONAR AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08124W

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
FIFTY-EIGHT VEHICLES OBSERVED IN MAIN CAMP AREA.

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25X1A

MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

25X1D

FIVE TANKS/SP GUNS AND NUMEROUS OTHER VEHICLES  
OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

[REDACTED]

NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N 08214W

25X1D

AREA CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 16 TANKS/SP GUNS AND  
APPROXIMATELY 7 OTHER VEHICLES.

[REDACTED]

CAMPO FLORIDO, MILITARY CAMP 2307N 08206W

25X1D

EIGHT TANKS/SP GUNS AND APPROXIMATELY 15 OTHER  
VEHICLES OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

[REDACTED]

BAJURAYABO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2308N 08210W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
SIXTEEN FA PIECES AND APPROXIMATELY 35 VEHICLES  
OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

25X1D

EAST AREA -- 16 FA PIECES AND APPROXIMATELY 45  
VEHICLES.  
WEST AREA -- 18 FA PIECES AND APPROXIMATELY 34  
VEHICLES.

[REDACTED]

MESTANZA, EXPLOSIVES STORAGE SITE 2228N 08347W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

25X1A

LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

25X1D NUMEROUS VEHICLES OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREA.

HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

AREA 1 -- 12 TANKS/SP GUNS AND APPROXIMATELY 32 OTHER VEHICLES.

AREA 2 -- NO VEHICLES OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

AREA 3 -- 25 TANKS/SP GUNS OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D AREA 4 -- CLOUD COVERED.

-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

25X1A

SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STGE SITE 2303N 08218W

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
APPROXIMATELY 90 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE 2258N 08218W

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
FORTY VEHICLES OBSERVED IN HEADQUARTERS AREA.

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SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION 2224N 07953W

25X1A

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

CABANAS, SECURED AREA U/C 2258N 08258W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
THE 16 UNIDENTIFIED CRATES REMAIN.

-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE  
LAST COVERAGE --

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1  
REMEDIOS IRBM SITE  
BAHIA HONDA SAM SITE  
PINAR DEL RIO AIRFIELD  
SPECIAL AREA ALPHA  
SPECIAL AREA HOTEL  
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE  
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED  
SPECIAL AREA VICTOR  
SPECIAL AREA TANGO  
TARARA LANDING BEACH  
MATANZAS LANDING BEACH  
VARADERO LANDING BEACH  
CIENFUEGOS LANDING BEACH  
ENSENADA COLORADO LANDING BEACH  
LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION

25X1D

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MATANZAS CITY, LA CUMBRE ALTA

2257N 08239W  
2225N 07935W  
2257N 08317W  
2225N 08341W  
2258N 08227W  
2301N 08246W  
2250N 08233W  
2254N 08231W  
2300N 08234W  
2258N 08244W  
2310N 08212W  
2301N 08126W  
2308N 08118W  
2202N 08036W  
2202N 08025W  
2301N 08245W

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2304N 08133W

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THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT  
NOT INTERPRETED --

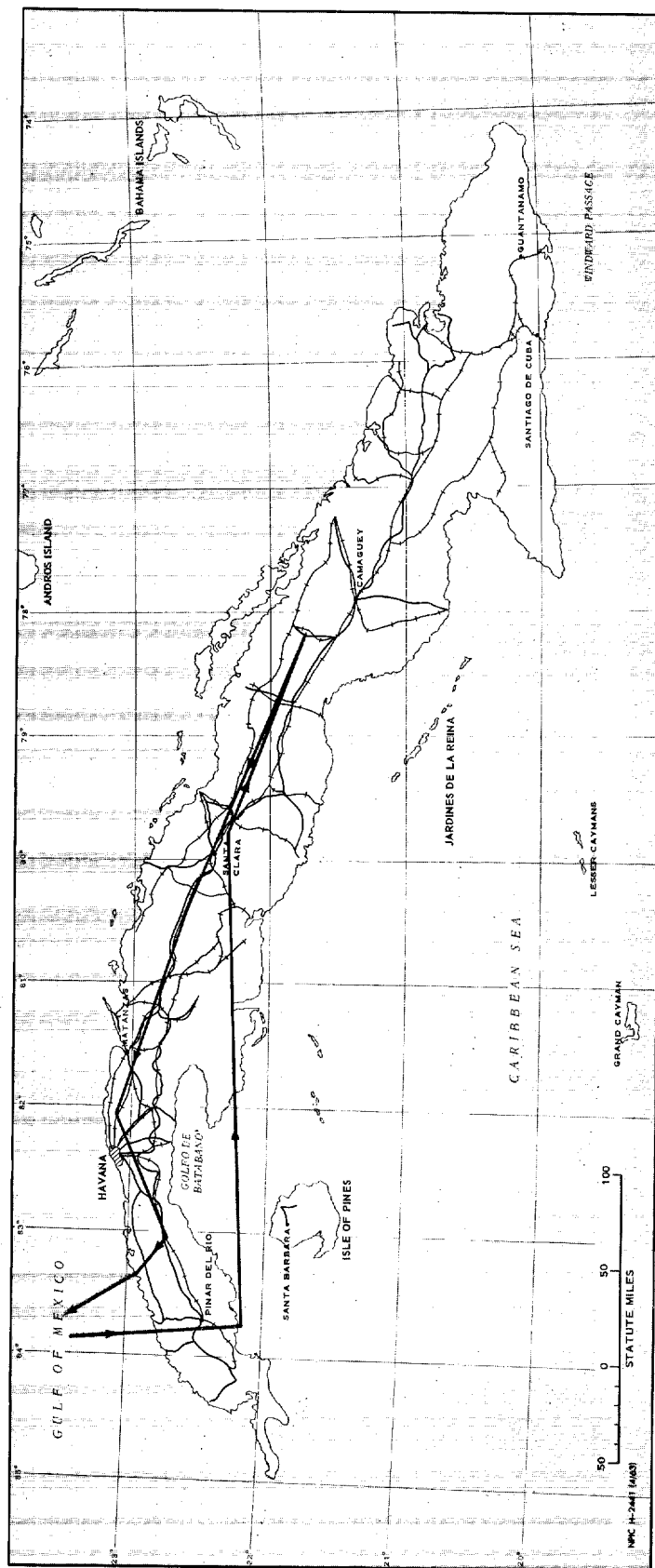
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CIENFUEGOS SAM SITE	2202N 08024W
SIGUANEA SAM SITE	2137N 08257W
DELEITE SAM SITE	2259N 08045W
CIEGO DE AVILA, SAM ASSEMBLY AREA	2152N 07844W
SIGUANEA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE	2137N 08258W
SIGUANEA AIRFIELD	2138N 08257W
COLONEL MARTIN MARRERRO AIRFIELD	2150N 08247W
CAMAGUEY AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2126N 07753W
GUANABO AREA, MILITARY AREA	2311N 08203W
PLAYA COLOMBO LANDING BEACH	2154N 08246W
PLAYA DE FLAMENCOS LANDING BEACH	2153N 08243W

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